

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-12, filed 04/09/2008, with respect to claims 1, 3-25 and 27-34 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of these claims has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3-25 and 27-34 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1, 12, 20, 24 and 29 of the current application teaches similar subject matter as Kumada US 6377355 and Kumada US 6563944. However, claims 1, 12, 20, 24 and 29 are allowed for the reasons pointed out by Applicant's remarks pages 10-12.
3. It follows that dependent claims 3-11, 13-19, 21-23, 25-28 and 30-34 are inherently allowable for depending on an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Michael Burleson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7460 and fax number is (571) 273-7460. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Haskins can be reached at (571) 272-7404

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